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SUBJECT: PEKING UNIVERSITY BRIEFING ON PRC ANTI-RIGHTIST STRUGGLE

REF: PEKING 417

1. ON MARCH 6 PEKING UNIVERSITY REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE VICE CHAIRMAN HUANG HSIN-PAI BRIEFED DIPLOMATS WHO WERE VISITING THE CAMPUS (AUSTRALIANS, NEW ZEALANDERS, JAPANESE, WEST GERMANS, AND OTHERS) ON THE CURRENT STATUS OF THE EDUCATION DEBATE AND THE ANTI-

RIGHTIST MOVEMENT. HUANG STATED FLATLY THAT TENG HSIAO-PING WAS THE BIG BOSS OF THE "RIGHT DEVIATIONIST WIND" NOW UNDER ATTACK, THAT TENG HAD USED HIS POSITION TO PUSH REVISIONISM IN THE PRC ONCE AGAIN, THAT HE HAD ADVOCATED TAKING THE THREE DIRECTIVES AS THE KEY LINK, AND THAT HE HAD PUSHED FOR MODERNIZATION AND PRODUCTION WITHOUT REGARD TO THE MEANS ADOPTED. IN ANSWER TO QUESTIONS, HUANG IMPLIED THAT TENG WAS THE ONLY TARGET ON THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE BUT HE SUGGESTED CERTAIN OTHERS IN THE SOCIETY WOULD ALSO BE ATTACKED. HE LEFT OPEN THE POSSIBILITY THAT TENG MIGHT YET MAKE AMENDS BUT NOTED EMPHATICALLY THAT TENG HAD NOT YET CHANGED HIS POSITION.

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2. HUANG, OBVIOUSLY DRAWING ON THE TYPE OF GUIDANCE THAT APPEARS IN TODAY'S (MARCH 10) EDITORIAL, QUOTED THE FOLLOWING RULES FOR THE CAMPAIGN: "THE MOVEMENT IS UNDER THE UNIFIED LEADERSHIP OF THE PARTY. WE MUST FULLY MOBILISE THE MASSES TO TAKE PART IN GREAT CRITICISM AND GREAT DEBATE. THERE WILL BE NO COMBAT GRVU SET UP; NO ORGANIZATIONAL LINKUPS WILL BE FORMED; BIG CHARACTER POSTERS WILL BE PUT UP ONLY IN SPECIALLY DESIGNATED PLACES; AND PEOPLE CAN CRITICISE PEOPLE BY NAME IN SPEECHES AND IN POSTERS." HE SAID IT WAS DIFFICULT TO PREDICT HOW LONG THE CAMPAIGN WOULD LAST AND REFUSED TO BE DRAWN OUT ON THE PLA'S ROLE IN THE CRITICISM OF TENG.

3. BECAUSE OF IMPORTANCE OF THIS AUTHORITATIVE BRIEFING, WE

HAVE REPEATED IN REFTEL TEXT AS TAKEN DOWN BY DIPLOMATS WHO ATTENDED THE MEETING.

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